Axecutive Aroclamation State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, While the thought of an ostany is fearful to many people, it is also true that there are an estimated one and one-half million ostany patients in the United States and Canada alone; and,

WHEREAS, These ostomates are living proof that life goes on after surgery—they are the friends, neighbors, classrates, or business associates whose ostomies you may not even be aware of; and,

WHEREAS, Although ostomy surgery may seem quite radical, it has been known to cure cancer of the rectum, some types of Inflammatory bowel diseases, and it has given a better life to many children who undergo ostomy surgery each year; and,

WHEREAS, For the past twenty years, the United Ostomy Association has strived to meet this goal through volunteer visitation programs, medical seminars, and consultation with manufacturers of ostomy care equipment; and,

WHEREAS, Through public education, the Association's 46,000 members hope to alleviate much of the fear and misunderstanding associated with ostomy surgery:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August, 1983, as

OSTOMY AWARENESS MONTH

In South Dakota.

ATTEST:

ALICE SERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, In Pierre the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of July, in the Year of Our Lord, Mineteen Hundred and Eighty-Three

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR